Corporatising of Postal Services

1931. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that volume of household mail has come down from 57 per cent in 1995 to 35 per cent in 2001;

(b) the volume of non-household mail during the last five years;

(c) whether there is any proposal before his Ministry for corporatising the postal services in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) No separate data is maintained on household mails handled by the Department. However, the total domestic mail, both registered and unregistered put together has increased by 1.76 per cent during the period 1995-96 to 2000-2001. The total domestic mail traffic (registered and unregistered) handled by the Department from 1995-96 to 2000-2001 is given below:

(Figures in millions)

Year	Unregistered mail	Registered mail	Total
1995-96	13649.55	307.89	13957.44
1996-97	14795.21	301.27	15096.48
1997-98	15451.75	297.55	15749.30
1998-99	15498.26	268.22	15766.48
1999-2000	15505.68	275.94	15781.62
2000-2001	13958.00	245.20	14203.20

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.